

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Atty Ref.: 2551-24

MAERTENS, et al.

Group: 1643

Application No.: 08/928,757

Examiner: Zeman

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For: PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE
PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE

December 2, 1999

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 2, 1999, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested; the period for response having been extended up to and including December 2, 1999, by submission of the requisite petition and fee, attached.

IN THE CLAIMS:

[Amend the claims as follows.]

49. (Amended) A vaccine composition [obtained by immunizing a mammal with]
comprising an effective amount of: